STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS

DOCKET NO. SPU-03-7

ORDER MODIFYING DATES FOR FILING BRIEFS AND REFLECTING WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL NOTICE

(Issued September 2, 2003)

On July 3, 2003, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order rescheduling the hearing in this docket and the dates for filing briefs. The hearing was held on August 26, 2003. At the hearing, the parties requested the briefing schedule be extended and the Board rescheduled initial briefs for September 12, 2003, and reply briefs for September 19, 2003.

On August 18, 2003, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), filed a request for the Board to take official notice of a paper prepared by the staff of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissions (NARUC) subcommittee on Accounting and Finance entitled "Ring Fencing Mechanisms for Insulating a Utility in a Holding Company System." At the hearing on August 26, 2003, the paper was admitted into evidence as Exhibit 109. Based upon admission of the paper into the record, Aquila withdrew its request for official notice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Initial briefs shall be filed on or before September 12, 2003.
- 2. Reply briefs shall be filed on or before September 19, 2003.

| 3. | The "Request For Official Notice | e" filed August 18 | 8, 2003, by Aquila | , Inc., |
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| d/b/a Aquila | Networks, is withdrawn. | | | |

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| /s/ Diane Munns | | |
| /s/ Mark O. Lambert | | |
| /s/ Elliott Smith | | |
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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of September, 2003.